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Discussion:

This discussion item is in regards to the issue of the 5% required budget cutbacks being required by GSU as per the State system mandate.

Rationale:

We understand this is a reality, but the Faculty Senate could play a role in communicating this matter with the larger academic community across the campus and the external community in terms of how the cutback is being handled, what programs/infrastructures on campus will be hardest hit, and how this could impact academic/educational quality at GSU and within the state system as well. It could come from a Faculty Senate unified message going out to faculty, colleges, departments, and programs. The possibility exists to bring this message to the appropriate media as well.

Response:

3/4/2014: The SEC did not put the Discussion Item regarding "GSU's 5% Cutback Communication" on the agenda. The SEC decided that the 5% cutback had been discussed at length at the two previous Senate meetings and we do not have enough information right now to know how the cut is being handled in order to compose a unified message. The SEC also did not think it is the Faculty Senate's role to serve as a mouthpiece to "appropriate media."